

GNLU Student bags two most prestigious global scholarships

Gandhinagar, Nov 28, 2019: Hatim Hussain, a final year law student of the Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), has been awarded Rhodes as well as Schwarzman scholarship for 2020. He is the first Indian to have received both the scholarships widely considered among the world's most prestigious scholarships for graduate studies.

The Rhodes scholarship is the oldest (first awarded in 1902) and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme, enabling outstanding young people from around the world to study at the University of Oxford. Studying at the University of Oxford will give the chosen scholars access to world-class academics in their field as well as an international alumni network that includes heads of state (former President of the United State Bill Clinton, former Australian Prime Ministers Tony Abbott and Malcolm Turnbull), Pulitzer Prize-winning authors, Nobel Prize winners and Olympians.

The Rhodes Scholarships include all university and college fees, an annual stipend and travel expenses to the University of Oxford before the start of the programme and a return ticket following the course of study.

One of the five Indian Scholars selected to join Rhodes Scholars from around the world at the University of Oxford, Hatim is the second Rhodes scholar from GNLU, the first being Sameer Bhat two years ago.

Schwarzman Scholarship is a fully-funded postgraduate award for Masters at Tsinghua University, China. It has been designed to create the next generation of world leaders who can effectively bridge the gap between China and the rest of the world. This year, nearly 4700 candidates from around the world had applied for this scholarship.

As a Rhodes Scholar, Hatim wishes to pursue Bachelor of Civil Law – BCL (equivalent to a master's degree) followed by a DPhil (PhD) at the University of Oxford. "I want to research on how regulatory models can be evolved to deal with poverty and inequality," Hatim said. "This is a subject close to my heart due to my own circumstances of coming from a family of limited financial means," he added.

On receiving the coveted award, Hatim noted, "I consider this award as an enabler for me to collaborate with people from diverse fields across the world who share a common objective of bringing about a positive change and who want to work together to make the world a better place."

Commenting on the role of GNLU, he said, "GNLU has been immensely helpful in nurturing talent in diverse disciplines and I am grateful to my professors for their support and encouragement throughout."



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Congratulating Hatim on this rare feat, GNLU Director Dr Shanthakumar said, “Hatim has made all of us proud. With his sincerity and commitment to the cause of marginalized, I am sure he will succeed in his mission of creating a more equal world. I wish him all the best.”

Hatim is currently doing a two-month internship with Justice Dr Dhanajay Chandrachud, Hon’ble Judge, Supreme Court of India. He is also working as an academic assistant on cross-regional studies at the Academy of Internet Finance of Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China, for one year from July 2019.

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About the Rhodes Scholarship

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Established through the Will of Cecil John Rhodes in 1902, the Rhodes Scholarship was a truly visionary project for its time. Over a hundred years later, the Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and perhaps most prestigious international scholarship programme in the world, enabling outstanding young people from around the world to undertake full-time postgraduate study at the University of Oxford, (ranked first internationally in the Times Higher Education rankings for 2017 and 2018).

One of the founding aims of the Scholarship was to identify young leaders from around the world who, through the pursuit of education together at Oxford, would forge bonds of mutual understanding and fellowship for the betterment of mankind. Although the language is old-fashioned, this remains one of the founding aims of the Scholarship: to select outstanding young people, with the potential to lead, who will make an impact for good in the world in later life.

The Scholarship is not just a financial bursary, it is a life-changing opportunity for exceptional young people with the potential to make a difference for good in the world. Rhodes Scholars are people who have a vision of how the world could be better and the energy to make a difference – whatever their sphere of interest. Rhodes alumni have distinguished themselves in every field.

As Selection Committees select on the basis not only of intellect but also of character, leadership and commitment to service, the Scholar Programme in Oxford aims to build on these Rhodes Scholar qualities, with the first and second-year retreats, workshops and conferences, in addition to social and discussion events, hosted at Rhodes House.

The fellowship of Rhodes Scholars, worldwide and across generations, is active and over 7,000 strong. Rhodes Scholars, therefore, enter a life-long fellowship with ongoing opportunities to connect with current and Senior Scholars and, beyond that, a warm and engaging community within Scholars typically develop enduring friendships. The Rhodes scholarship opens up opportunities for Scholars before, after and during their time in Oxford.

The Rhodes scholarship is for two years in the first instance. The Rhodes Scholarship covers Oxford University (and College) fees as well as providing an annual stipend. In addition to the above, the Rhodes Trust will cover two economy class flights - to and from the UK - for the beginning and end of studies in Oxford. Scholars also receive a settling-in allowance on arrival. The International Health Surcharge, which enables international students to access the UK's National Health Service is covered for the duration of a Scholar's tenure. Following selection for the Scholarship, the Rhodes Trust will also cover the application fee required to apply to study at the University of Oxford.

A number of research grants are also available to Rhodes Scholars which enables Scholars to attend international conferences or conduct additional fieldwork.

Each year, five Indian Scholars are selected to join Rhodes Scholars from around the world at the University of Oxford.

About Schwarzman Scholarship:

Schwarzman Scholarship was inspired by the Rhodes Scholarship and is designed to prepare future global leaders to meet the geopolitical challenges of the 21st century. The vision of Schwarzman Scholars is to bring together the world's best young minds to explore and understand the economic, political and cultural factors that have contributed to China's increasing importance as a global power, and to make them more effective as links between China and the rest of the world. Blackstone Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder, Stephen A. Schwarzman has personally contributed over \$100 million to the program and is leading a fundraising campaign to raise an additional \$500 million from others to endow the program in perpetuity. Schwarzman Scholars has already raised \$578 million towards this \$600 million goal. The endowment will support up to 200 Scholars annually from the U.S., China and around the world in earning a one-year Master's degree in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University in Beijing. Scholars chosen for this highly selective program have demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and the potential to bridge and understand cultural and political differences. They live in Beijing for a year of study and cultural immersion, attending lectures, travelling, and developing a better understanding of China.

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